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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

DIETZ, et al.

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For: "SYSTEM FOR MICROVOLUME  
LASER SCANNING CYTOMETRY"

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

) Group Art Unit: 2621

) Examiner: EDWARDS, P.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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BY: *Constance Robnett*

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of October 5, 2004. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from January 5, 2005 to April 5, 2005, as well as a check in the amount of \$510.00 as the fee for such extension. In the event that any other additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.